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Among the emigrants mentioned in the early records of Ipswich, there were two bearing the surname Boreman. Thomas seems to have been the first to come, and he made his permanent home there, becoming the ancestor of the Boardmans in this vicinity. In a few years he was followed by Samuel, who made a short stay in Ipswich, and finally settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The relation these two men bore to each other, and the place in the mother country from which they came to make their homes on these shores, have recently been found by one* of the descendants of Samuel, who went to England for this purpose.

Samuel had received a letter from his mother in England soon after his settlement in Wethersfield, and this had been preserved as a sacred relic, and handed down from one generation of his descendants to another unto the present day. This letter had become somewhat obliterated by age, and only the last letters of the name of the town could be deciphered, but this gave a clue, by which, after much work and trouble, the place was found.

It was learned that Thomas and Samuel were cousins, and their home in England was Claydon, situated in the northern part of the County of Oxford.

The first known ancestor of Thomas and Samuel is William Boreman, who was living, 1525, in Banbury, an important place a few miles south of Claydon, as many things seem to

*See Boardman Genealogy by Miss Charlotte Goldthwaite.

establish the fact that Thomas Boreman their great-grandfather was his son. Thomas Boreman settled in Claydon and his son William was their grandfather.

The history of Claydon is closely connected with that of Banbury, which, with the surrounding region, is a very interesting place to know about for many reasons. First of all, it is the place so noted in nursery rhymes, and what child has not been made familiar with the jingle, "Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross, To see a fine lady upon a white horse," etc. How many ever thought that Banbury was a "really, truly place," as the children say, with its real "Cross," and its "Cakeshop," which they visit "To see what Tommy can buy." According to the historian, all the Tommys from that far-away period until now could have the privilege of going to that cakeshop with their pennies to buy the much-prized cakes, for he says, "The fame of Banbury cakes has continued to the present day; a shop, which is considered the original cakeshop, is still in existence, and the cakes are probably made in much the same way," etc.

Banbury was the market town of the surrounding country, and the noted Banbury Cross stood in the market-place of the town. The ancient cross was taken down during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but was afterwards restored and may be seen there at the present time.

This region was noted for its association with historic characters. Dr. Franklin's father lived in Banbury, and it was from this place that he emigrated to New England in 1682. A little to the northeast in Warwickshire, is Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare, and a few miles east in Northamptonshire, was the home of George Washington's family. The manor house where his ancestors lived is there, and over its door is the Washington Coat of Arms from which our stars and stripes originated. A few miles to the north in Warwickshire is Warwick Castle, the seat of Lord Brooke, and just south of Banbury is Broughton Castle, the seat of Lord Say and Seal, who was one of the most influential men of his time. Lord Say and Lord Brooke are interesting characters to us because of their connection with our colonial history, being instrumental in founding the town which bears their combined names, Saybrook, Conn.

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THOMAS BOREMAN was baptized in Claydon, England, Oct. 18, 1601. The family name was originally spelled Bowreman, and Lower, in his Dictionary of English Family Names, says it was probably derived from an Anglo Saxon word meaning bower or bedchamber, thus signifying that the bearer was a "chamberlain of some great feudal household, or one who was admitted to the private apartments and councils of the Lord." The name has since been variously spelled, but in this country it seems to have followed the regular gradation of Boreman, Borman, Bordman, and Boardman.

The place and date of the marriage of Thomas Boreman, and the family name of his wife Margaret, are not given, and the exact date of his coming to New England is not known. The records say he was made freeman by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1634-5. His first grant of land in Ipswich was recorded in 1635. His first house was built on High Street now called East Street, and his near neighbor was John Winthrop, jr., son of the Governor, and leader of the Ipswich Colony. In course of time he came into possession of several pieces of land.

He sold his house on High Street in 1647, and spent the closing years of his life on his farm, an island still called by his name, Boardman's Island, as is also the street and bridge leading to it. The farm is thus described:—"An Island about fifty and five acres of meadow and upland, bounded on the north and northeast by the Town River, and on the east by a creek, parting it and an Island belonging to John Perkins the Elder, and on the south a p'sell of Land formerly granted to George Carr, and on the west the great creek called Labour in vayne."

Besides the "meadow and upland" there was a salt marsh and thatch ground, so called from the rushes that grew there suitable for thatching houses. Provision was made by the General Court that certain such grounds should "be for the use of the whole town, to be improved for thatching houses". The early dwellings were roofed with thatch like those left in the old homes in England, and which may be seen there today in many places.

Thomas Boreman held offices of trust, and his position in the community may be gathered from the fact that he is uniformly spoken of as Mr. Boreman, and his wife as M^{rs}. or Mistress, terms of distinction applied to but few in those days. Some idea of his standing with regard to the value of his property is shown by the division of Plum Island, Apr. 10, 1666, among the 203 commoners. All, whose country rate did not exceed 6 s. 8 d., were to receive a single share, and 105 received single shares; all, not exceeding 16 s., a share and a half, and 70 received such; those above 16 s., together with magistrates, elders, Messers John Rogers (the minister) and Thomas Andrews (the schoolmaster) a double share, and there were 28 to receive them, Thomas Boreman standing No. 4 on the list. He died in May, 1673, leaving a will. Mrs. Margaret Boreman, the widow, died Nov. 25, 1679, also leaving a will.

Children of Thomas and Margaret Boreman :

2. MARY, m. Robert Kinsman, jr., b. 1629. He was one of the six men renowned in the history of Ipswich, who, Aug. 27, 1687, voted that Andros had no right to tax the people without the consent of the General Court, for which they were fined and imprisoned twenty-one days by Andros. On his tombstone is inscribed,—“Here lieth the body of Quarter Master Robert Kinsman who died February ye 19, 1712, aged 83 years.” He was by trade a glazier. His will speaks of children: Joseph, Robert, Thomas (deceased). Tobijah, Mary, Sarah Perkins, Joanna, Margaret and Eunice Burnham.
3. DANIEL, b. 1639.
4. MARTHA, b. 1641; m. July 4, 1660, Dea. Thomas Low, b. 1632, at Chebacco Parish, Ipswich, “malster.” His will mentions children: Jonathan, Samuel, David, Martha Dodge, Joanna Dodge, Sarah Low and Abigail Goodhue. The inscriptions upon tombstones at Essex read: “Here lyes ye body of Mrs. Martha Low wife to Deacon Thomas Low dec^d Jan^y ye 22^d 1720 in ye 79 year of her age.” “Here lyes ye body of Mr. Thomas Low Deacon who died April ye 12 1712 aged 80 years.”
“As you are so ware we
As we are you shall be”
5. THOMAS, b. 1643; m. Jan. 1, 1667-8, Elizabeth, b. Apr. 1, 1650, d. Dec. 4, 1718, daughter of Sargent Jacob Perkins. He died Oct. 3, 1719. Children: Thomas, b. Aug. 8, 1669, m. Sarah Langley; Jacob, b. June 10, 1671, m. 1699, Martha, widow of John Rogers; John, b. March 18, 1672-3, no further record; Offin, b. Dec. 3, 1676, m. Feb. 28, 1698, Sarah Heard; Margaret, b. Apr. 5, 1681, m. 1703, Thomas Burnam; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 9, 1686, m. Jedidiah Tittcomb.

6. JOANNA, b. 1649; m. Jan. 29, 1672, Isaac, son of William Fellows. She died Mar. 22, 1732. They had children: Isaac, Samuel, Ephraim, Jonathan and Joanna.

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DANIEL BORMAN, born at Ipswich in 1639, married Apr. 12, 1662, Hannah, born Jan. 20, 1639, daughter of Richard and Alice (Bosworth) Hutchinson who "emigrated to New England about 1635 and settled in Salem, owning land also near Hathorne's Hill, Beaver Dam Brook," now a part of Danvers. Her lineage can be traced back to Barnard Hutchinson, Esq., Cowlam, County of York, England, living in 1282. The Hutchinson family of singers were descendants of her brother. At the date of his marriage in 1662, according to the records, "Thomas Boreman gave in wrighting to his sonn Daniel the one halfe of his dwelling-house, barnes, outhouses, orchyards, upland and meddows, with all the privileges and appurtenances, to be presently possessed and enjoyed, &c., &c." Daniel afterwards decided to settle in Topsfield, and accordingly conveyed back to his father all right to the home farm in Ipswich, for £225, by a written agreement which was dated Sept. 27, 1665. In December of the same year, for £315, he bought of William Evans, a planter, and Agnes his wife, a farm of 200 acres, with dwellings, &c., situated in the town of Topsfield.

This farm was "bounded on the south-east by land of John Mighill, which he had bought of William Evans; on the south by land of William Avery, which he had bought of Daniel Clarke; on the north by land of Isaac Cummings, which he had bought of William Evans; on the north-west by land of Sargent Peabody, and the cowpen which he bought of Evans." This cowpen, containing about an acre and bought by Francis Pebody to enlarge his mill lot, was reserved from the land sold to Daniel Borman by Evans for that purpose.

It would seem, from the cowpen being so near the mill, that the dwelling-house of Evans, also, must have been situated not far from that place. It was probably over the old cellar-hole in the back pasture, and was pointed out to me in my childhood by my aunts. It was near the corner, where, every year within the remembrance of my mother's family, the white, fragrant daffodils have come up and blossomed

under the bushes. The daffodil is a native of England, and I have no doubt that the bulbs were brought over here with other family treasures, and were made a part of the first garden of the household. How much the sweet flowers must have been prized by them in their loneliness, separated as they were from the dear ones over the sea!

There was still another place a short distance from this spot, which gave greater evidence of once being a cellar, and we have been told that an Indian family had lived in the old house standing there. One of the Bordman wives had been very kind to the family, giving them food, clothing, etc., and the squaw, desirous of showing her appreciation and of making some little return for the kindness rendered, invited the good wife one day to dine with her. Knowing the Indian character and not daring to brave their displeasure, she accepted the invitation and went with many misgivings, hoping to find some excuse to get away before the time of the feast. After a little chat, the squaw lifted the lid of the boiling pot to see how the dinner was progressing. A woodchuck had been caught and plunged into the boiling water in its natural condition, fur and all, the sight of which so affected the guest that, without any quibbling, she could plead the excuse of not feeling very well and make a hasty retreat.

The large tract of 200 acres or more bought by Daniel, has been variously divided and disposed of to different parties, but the boundary today may be given in general terms as follows:—Beginning at the bridge near the turnpike, it was bounded by the mill lot, the mill pond, then the long stretch of wall to the turnpike, separating it from I. B. Young's land, formerly Francis Pebody's, this wall continuing in former times running about north-east, to the old Ipswich road, the north school-house road, part of Averill's land, the road by Donaldson's place, then turning, it takes in a hill covered with forest trees, a long stretch of meadow, and the front field to the turnpike again. It took in, besides, the land now owned by Miss Hattie Porter, by Benjamin C. Dodd, by Daniel Conant, the field adjoining, now belonging to Fred Smerage, and stretching back from these to the top of Great Hill. It also took in a part of the land owned by the late George H. Pevear. The "mill path," as the first road

was called, cut off a strip of land which was left adjoining the land of Francis Pebody, now the Pevear estate. April 1, 1794, Daniel Bordman, the great-grandson of Daniel Borman, the first settler, sold this strip to Jacob Peabody, the great-grandson of Francis Pebody. J. Waldo Towne came into possession of a part of Jacob Peabody's estate, and in 1846 had the old Peabody house taken down, building the present house in 1847 upon the corner of the Borman strip of land. Thus it will be seen that all the houses in Springfield except "the old Perley house," on "William Avery's land," have been built upon the original Borman farm; namely, the Borman house, now owned by the heirs of B. B. Towne, and the houses owned by Miss Hattie Porter, Benjamin C. Dodd, Daniel Conant, the late George H. Pevear, and the late Elmore Johnson. Besides these are the houses of Albert H. Davison, and the late Mrs. Maria Jane Hobbs, making eight in all.

At the beginning of the year 1803, the Legislature incorporated a turnpike from Newburyport to Chelsea Bridge, which passed through a part of the Borman Estate. This with the "mill-paths," so called, cut off three or four small pieces of land from the main estate, which were afterwards sold and on which some of the dwelling-houses I have mentioned were built.

On June 23, 1681, Daniel Borman sold to Tobijah Perkins, son of Rev. William Perkins, the "northeast end of his farm, containing 40 acres more or less, bounded on the north by the land of Tobijah Perkins, which he bought of Isaac Cummings, (now owned by Miss Mary T. Robinson); on the northwest by the land of Lieut. Francis Pebody; on the southeast by land of Ensign Thomas Howlett; on the south by land of Daniel Borman aforesaid; excepting a highway for said Borman and his successors to pass through to Ipswich".

The first mention of Daniel's name in the town records is the following:—"At a Lawfull Towne meeting the 19 of March 1666-7 Thomas perkins ffrancis pebody and John Gould are Chosen to Vew and a gree with Daniell Borman for a hie way betwene William Auriell house and the mill throw his ground as they shall see most Conuenyant. Voted."

"At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 8 of Aprill 1667 The Towne hath granted Liberty to William Auriell and Daniell Borman to make a dame at the mile brooke a rod and a halfe aboue the bridge to float there medow prouided it be no damage to the Towne. Voted."

Concerning the road, we find record,—“At a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 3 of Jenewary 1670 Lieut ffrancis pebody Ensigne John Gould and Thomas perkins being Chosen by ye Towne to Lay out a highway through part of William Aueriell Land and through part of Daniell Borman Land to the Northward side of Mr. perkins his home ffeild haue accordingly don it ye Which highway is Laid out from the Vpper end of William Aueriell orchard one rod and a halfe wide to ye afore said northward side of Mr. perkins his feild and so through Daniell Borman Land one ye northward sid of Mr. perkins ffeild to the former highway againe.” A part of this highway or mill path is now called “The lane”.

Daniel Borman held town offices as tithing man, “fence vewer”, “Commity”, “Sornauere of hiwaes”, and selectman from 1668 to 1673. He and his wife probably united with the Church soon after coming to Topsfield. He died Apr. 27, 1708.

Children of Daniel and Hannah Borman :

7. JOSEPH, b. in Ipswich, bet. 1662 and 1666.
8. MARY, b. in Ipswich, m. Jan. 23, 1705-6, Ebenezer, son of Abraham and Lydia (Burbank) Foster and lived in Rowley. Children: Jemima; Ruth, m. Jacob Wildes and lived in Kennebunk, Me.; Moses, m. Hannah Andrews.
9. NATHANIEL, b. in Ipswich, bet. 1662 and 1666.
10. THOMAS, b. in Topsfield, July 15, 1666. Of him nothing definite is known unless the following record in the “Book of Eastern Claims” has reference to him, which seems probable.—“Thomas Bordman, Ipswich, claimed Two Hundred Acres of Land, part upland, part meadow, lying within the bounds of ye township of Cape Porpas, lying near to ye deserts and adjacent to some of Major Phillips, his land granted him by ye Major part of ye Inhabitants of said Town at a legal meeting May ye 8th, 1688, as per instrument attested by Pen of ye principal Inhabitants of said Town then on ye s^d 8th of May, 1688, subscribed.” Another record gives his age at that date as 22 years, which would be just the age of Thomas, who was born in 1666. The only other Thomas, grand-son of the emigrant Thomas, would be too young, as he was born in 1669. That it speaks of him as “Thomas Bordman, Ipswich,” might



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be misleading, but the marriage of his younger sister is recorded, "Hannah Bordman, Ipswich."

11. HANNAH, b. in Topsfield, Feb. 18, 1670; m. Eleazer, son of John and Rebecca (Prince) Putnam of Salem Village; lived in Topsfield until after the birth of two or three children and then removed to Salem Village. Children: Hannah, m. Dea. Nathan Peabody; Eleazer, m. Mrs. Hannah (Williams) Billings of Groton, Conn.; Sarah; Jephtha, m. 1st, Ruth Fuller, 2nd, Mrs. Ruth Raymond of Beverly; Joseph; Samuel, m. Elizabeth Putnam.

Hannah d. ———, and Eleazer m. 2nd, Elizabeth Rolfe of Newbury, sister of the wife of Nathaniel Bordman and had: Henry, m. Hannah ———; Apphiah, m. 1st, John Porter of Salem Village, 2nd, Asa Perley of Boxford.

Mary C. Endicott, wife of the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary of England, is a descendant of Eleazer and Hannah (Bordman) Putnam through their son Samuel.

12. WAIT JOHN, b. Aug. 23, 1676, in Topsfield; styled "John" in after years.
13. DAVID, b. June 21, 1682, in Topsfield; unnm; d. Feb. 1, 1724, at Preston, Conn.
14. JONATHAN, b. June 21, 1682, in Topsfield; unnm.; d. Oct. 3, 1723, at Topsfield.

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JOSEPH BORDMAN, born in Ipswich between 1662 and 1666, married, Feb. 17, 1696-7, Prudence, born May 23, 1675, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Downing) Foster. He received of his father the tract of land lying between the part sold to Tobijah Perkins and the part reserved for the homestead. The house in which Joseph lived was probably built for him at the time of his marriage, and was the one which was burned a few years ago. A roadway was made by travel from his father's house to his, with gates to be opened where it led from one piece of land to another, as was the custom in the old English homes, but there were no pretty green hedges to separate the fields, as were used in England instead of walls and fences. This roadway, with some little alteration, was made a county road in 1857, thus rendering a more direct route to Ipswich.

Joseph served the town as "cunstable," treasurer, "serueyer of highways," and was selectman in 1715. He, with wife Prudence, united with the church in Topsfield, Apr. 25, 1708. He died May 18, 1737. His widow died Oct. 28, 1755.

Concerning the disposal of his property we find the following record:—Nov. 13, 1734, "I, Joseph Bordman (for £200 if demanded) give to my two daughters, Abigail Cummings and Hannah Perkins, all my estate real and personal which is not otherwise disposed of at my and my present wife's decease."

In 1742, his widow Prudence and two daughters sold the place to Elisha Cummings, son of the daughter Abigail. In 1767, Elisha sold it to his brother Palatiah, who in turn, in 1786, sold the same to a nephew, Rev. Joseph Cummings. In 1787, he sold it to Daniel Towne, who had married Hannah, daughter of Capt. John Boardman living at the homestead. In about a month, Daniel Towne sold "one half the farm with one half the buildings thereon and one half the outlying meadows," to Asa Perkins, the grand-son of Abigail Cummings, who had married Hannah Johnson of Limerick, Me., the grand-daughter of Capt. John Boardman. Mr. Humphrey Balch, a grand-son of Hannah, has related of her that without escort she rode to Limerick, Me., horseback, in one day, carrying an infant in her arms. This story has since been confirmed by a relative now living in Maine. What longings must have filled her heart for the old familiar faces and scenes of her childhood's home, to go in such a manner, through lonely spots and long stretches of woods, with perhaps only a bridle path before her in many places!

Asa Perkins, the last of the Borman descendants to live there, died in 1825, and the place passed into the hands of strangers. Joshua Wildes and Stephen Bartlett, who bought it of the heirs of Asa Perkins, held it for many years, and after their death it was purchased by James Manning. It was during his ownership that the buildings were burned one very cold night in midwinter. One of the younger daughters was so frightened that she caught up a little sister in her arms and ran barefooted over the snow for nearly half a mile to one of the neighbors, and at twelve o'clock at night made known the sad story. A temporary shelter was soon constructed, and in time the present house was erected over the old cellar. The heirs of James Manning sold the estate to Albert Davison, the present owner. He sold a small piece of land to Mrs. M. J. Hobbs, who had a house built upon it.

Children of Joseph and Prudence Bordman :

15. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 8, 1700; d. Oct. 5, 1771; m. Mar. 8, 1716-17, Isaac, son of Isaac and Alice (Howlett) Cummings. Children: Abigail, m. Samuel Potter of Ipswich; Elisha, m. Mary Andrews; Mary, m. Ezekiel Potter of Ipswich; Joseph, m. 1st, Mary Hale, 2nd, Judith Perkins; Hannah, m. Robert Perkins; Pelatiah, m. 1st, Sarah Kimball, 2nd, Sarah Hammond.
16. HANNAH, b. Aug. 16, 1703; d. Apr. 27, 1783; m. 1st, Dec. 5, 1721, Jacob, son of Elisha and Katherine (Towne) Perkins. Children: Catherine, Hannah, Ruth, Abigail, Prudence, Jacob, m. Martha Tappan; Lucy, Lydia, Joseph, m. Anna Batchelder; Zebulon, m. Mary Wildes; Elisha, m. Mrs. Jane Manning of Ipswich; Abel. Hannah m. 2nd, Aug. 23, 1763, John Batchelder.

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NATHANIEL BORDMAN, born in Ipswich between 1662 and 1666, married, June 28, 1710, Abigail, daughter of Benjamin and Apphiah (Hale) Rolfe of Newbury. He bought land in Connecticut, which he afterwards sold, and settled down at the homestead in Topsfield.

Daniel Borman, after having given his eldest son Joseph a portion of land and two small tracts to Jonathan, next provided for his son Wait John, for, according to the records, March 21, 1700, he gave to John all the homestead with buildings thereon, except that which he had given to his son Joseph and "six acres of tillage belonging to the Old Field and four acres belonging to the Brook Meadow," which he had given to his son Jonathan. In his will, Jonathan gave this land to Moses and Ruth, the children of his sister Mary Foster. Wait John seems to have concluded to leave home and go away to try his fortune, for we find that in 1704 he sold the homestead to his brother Nathaniel and went to Connecticut to live.

Nathaniel was a man prominent in public affairs. He was town-treasurer, selectman five years and went as representative four years. In 1723 he is styled "Corporal" and in 1728 "Quartermaster". Over a hundred years later, when the old chimney of the house was taken down in 1845, there was found in a niche of the chimney a paper which proved to be his commission from Lieut.-Gov. William Dummer, as Quartermaster, and dated Aug. 16, 1723.

In 1736, the "year of an epidemic," the throat distemper, he lost his two children by death. Left without heirs, he must have sent to his brother John, in Connecticut, for one of the sons to come and care for him in his old age, for his nephew John is found living here after 1744 by the recorded births of children, and the homestead was given to him in his uncle's will. Nathaniel lived to be over 90 years of age. In his will he remembers most of his own and his wife's relations, making abundant provision, also, for his housekeeper Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens. He also gives the "Church in Topsfield £5. 6s. 8d. towards building a new meeting-house provided they set it in the same place."

His wife Abigail united with the church Aug. 30, 1719, and he, Oct. 29, 1749. Abigail died Aug. 11, 1749. He died Mar. 7, 1758, "an aged man."

WILL OF NATHANIEL BORDMAN.

"In the name of God amen the tenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty & six, I Nathaniel Bordman of Topsfield in the County of Essex in New England, gentleman, being of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto Almighty God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say principally & first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it, hoping through the merits, death & passion of my Savior Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon of all my sins, and to inherit Everlasting Life; and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner & form; that is to say

"Imprimis I give to the children of my Daughter [in-law] Martha Chapman deceased the sum of two pounds thirteen shillings & four pence Lawfull money to be equally divided among them and to be paid in two years after my Decease.

“Item I give to my Cozen Samuel Putnam of Danvers the sum of seventeen pounds Lawfull money to be paid him in one year after my Decease.

“Item I give unto my Cozen Jephthah Putnam of Sutton the Sum of two pounds thirteen shillings & four pence Lawfull money to be paid him in two years after my Decease.

“Item I give unto my Cozen Henry Putnam of Charleston the sum of fourteen pounds six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money to be paid in one year after my Decease.

“Item I give unto Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens the sum of sixteen pounds Lawfull money to be paid in one year after my Decease and allso I give her the feather bed shee now lies on with sufficient clothes for one bed, allso a little iron pott & a little iron kettle and allso a little Spinning wheel, and allso a chamber table, and allso two pewter platters, two plates and two chairs, and allso the Horse or Horse kind I shall be owner of at my Decease, with the furnituer belonging to said horse and two good cows and six sheep, and half the Corn both Indian & English I shall have in my house or field at my Decease, together with one half of my meat Butter & Cheese, and ye one half of my live swine, all the above Articles to be at her own dispose as shee shall see cause, and shee to come into possession of the whole, except the money immediately after my Decease together with the one half of the cyder I shall leave at my decease, and my Will is that my Executors hereafter named shall keep the afores^d live creatures on the place with good keeping for one year after my Decease and it is to be understood that the Bed Clothes above mentioned is to be the best coverlid & two best blankets & two best sheets. I allso give to Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens the use and improvement of the West lower room in my Dwelling House with a privilege for her bed in the East Chamber and sufficient cellar Room for her own use for four years after my decease, and five cords of wood for her fier Ready cutt and brought to the door as shee shall need the same for the above said years, the aboves^d Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens being & for some time hath been my House-keeper, for which Reason I have given her what is above expressed. I allso give her the under bed & bolster & two pillers & two piller cases belonging to said Bed.

"Item I give unto my couzen Elijah Bordman of Preston the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence Lawfull money to be paid him in two years after my decease.

"Item I give unto my Couzen Joseph Bordman the sum of one pound six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money to be paid unto him two years after my decease.

"Item I give unto the relations of my wife lately deceast as followeth Viz

"To children of Henry Rolfe Esq. in Newbury deceast the sum of three pounds Lawfull money and

"To children of Elizabeth Putnam deceast Viz—to Henry Putnam & Apphiah Porter two pounds Lawfull money equally between them &

"To my sister in Law Mrs. Dorothy Rolfe deceast her children the sum of three pounds Lawfull money to be equally divided between them &

"To Samuel Rolfe of Newbury twenty shillings Lawfull money &

"To Martha Titcomb the wife of Josiah Titcomb of Newbury twenty shillings Lawfull money &

"To Dorothy Greenleaf sister to Mr. Samuel Rolfe of Newbury twenty shillings Lawfull money &

"To Capt John Whipple of Ipswich twenty shillings Lawfull money &

"To Hannah Whipple of Ipswich twenty shillings Lawfull money all my aforesaid Wife's Relations to be paid in one year & a half after my Decease.

"Item I give to the three youngest daughters of my brother John Bordman of Preston deceast as followeth Viz To Mary Williams twenty shillings Lawfull money and to Eunice Perkins twenty six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money & one sheep and to Lois Cotterell twenty shillings Lawfull money to be paid in one year after my Decease.

"Item I give unto the children of my brother Joseph Bordman late of Topsfield deceast as followeth Viz To my couzen Hannah Perkins twenty shillings Lawfull money and to my couzen Abigail Commings twenty shillings Lawfull money—and to my Couzen Moses Foster twenty shillings Lawfull money and to my Couzen Ruth Wildes twenty shillings Lawfull money, all the last mentioned sums to be paid in two years after my Decease.

"Item I give unto the Church in the Town of Topsfield one pound six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money to be paid in one year after my Decease

"Item I give unto the town of Topsfield five pounds six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money towards building a new meeting House in the Town for the Worship of God provided they sett it in the same place where the old meeting House stands in Topsfield to be paid half a year after s^d House is raised.

"Item I give to my couzen John Bordman in Topsfield all my lands and meadows & Buildings in Topsfield aforesaid, and all Lands or Marsh in Ipswich or in any other place where the same may be found together with all the instruments for husbandry.

"Item I give to John Back who hath lived in the house sometime with me two pounds Lawfull money or a good cow, in half a year after my Decease.

"Item I give unto my Couzen Nathaniel Bordman a feather Bed & bed clothes convenient for it & allso a two year old heifer & one half of my wearing clothes & one Bible.

"Item I give unto my Couzen Hannah Putnam wife to Henry Putnam one steer a year old.

"Item I give unto Jephthah Putnam Jonathan Rolfe Elijah Bordman Joseph Bordman Hannah Putnam wife to Henry Putnam Eunice Perkins wife to Stephen Perkins Moses Foster Ruth Wildes wife to Jacob Wildes & to my couzens Abigail Bordman and Hannah Perkins the wife of Jacob Perkins & to Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens over and above what I have already given them all the remaining part of my Estate that is already or shall be hereafter given away to be equally divided among them.

"Item I give unto my Couzen Samuel Putnam over & above what I have already given him my great Brass kettle.

"Item I give unto my Couzen John Bordman over and above what I have already given him two third parts of the cattle & sheep that may be left at my Decease besides what I have already given away in this Will and allso half the corn that I shall leave.

"I do hereby constitute & Ordain the abovesaid John Bordman one of my executors to this my Last Will & Testa-

ment, who is to pay and discharge all my debts & legacies & funeral charges. I do also constitute & appoint my Couzens Samuel Putnam and Henry Putnam my other two Executors to see this my Last Will and Testament fulfilled. And I do utterly disallow Revoke disannull all & every other former wills legacies & bequests by me heretofore made Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my Last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand & Seal the day & year abovesaid or written.


"Signed sealed published & Declared by the s^d Nathaniel Bordman as his Last Will & Testament in presence of us the subscribers

s^d Tobijah Perkins

Daniel Gould

Thomas Baker

his

Nathaniel  Bordman" [Seal]
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Children of Nathaniel and Abigail :

17. NATHANIEL, b. Apr. 9, 1711; m. Apr. 1, 1736, Martha Perley of Ipswich. He died Aug. 26, 1736, and she m. 2nd, John Chapman, jr. and their children were remembered in the will of Nathaniel Bordman, father of the first husband.
18. ABIGAIL, bapt. Sept. 5, 1714; d. Sept. 13, 1736.

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(WAIT) JOHN BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, Aug. 23, 1676, married May 4, 1713, Mary, daughter of Capt. William and Hannah Billings of Preston, Conn. The standing of the family may be learned from the fact that a brother of Mary, Rev. William Billings, was a graduate of Yale. According to the custom in those days, the names of the class were given in the order corresponding to the rank of their families. William Billings stood third in the list. Jonathan Edwards, the noted theologian, was a classmate and he ranked fifth.

From the records of Preston we learn that David Borman, John's younger brother, was the first of the name to appear in the town, buying land there in 1703. In 1715, he sold his first purchase, and going north about a mile, he bought again, 140 acres for £200, and here he died unmarried in 1724, only four months after the death in Topsfield of his twin brother Jonathan. This homestead in some way, not recorded, passed into the hands of Eleazer Putnam, who must

have been the eldest son of his sister Hannah, for in a subsequent transfer of a part of it, Eleazer speaks of the former owner as, "my uncle David Bordman."

Nathaniel also bought land there, bounded north by David's land, but sold the same shortly after, as recorded, to "my brother John Bordman, formerly of Topsfield, Massachusetts." Thus John, to whom the father had given the homestead in Topsfield, and Nathaniel, who had bought land in Preston, made an exchange which changed the whole after course of their lives. After David's death, John sold this tract of land bought of Nathaniel, and purchased two thirds of the farm that was David's. Eleazer the grantor speaks of him in the transfer as, "my Uncle John Bordman." Here John resided until his death and the same has remained in the possession of his descendants to this day, unless a change has been recently made. In the baptismal records at Preston appears the following,—“Apr. 1, 1739—John Bordman, adult, Mary Bordman, adult. Hannah, child of John Bordman.” He died Feb. 2, 1739. His widow survived him many years, dying May 24, 1776.

Children of John and Mary:

19. UNIS, b. ———; d. Feb. 6, 1714.
 20. A child, b. Nov. 15, 1715; d. Nov. 20, 1715.
 21. JOHN, b. Dec. 21, 1716.
 22. HANNAH, b. Oct. 20, 1718.
 23. ELIJAH, b. Mar. 13, 1720; d. Dec. 20, 1759; m. Mar. 15, 1749, Mary Tyler, b. Mar. 13, 1720—1, Preston. Children: Henry; Elijah, m. 1st, ——— Coit, 2nd, Sabrina Crocker; Jonas, m. 1st, Lorana Benton, 2nd, Elizabeth Jewett; John, m. Clarinda Starbuck; Mary, m. John Tyler.
 24. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 20, 1722; d. Sept. 23, 1796; m. Sept. 8, 1749, Rachel Killam. Children: David, m. Jemima Kinney; Jonathan, m. Priscilla Safford; Elisha; Hezekiah, m. Hannah Cook; Mary, m. ——— Robbins; Elizabeth, m. ——— Robbins; Joseph; Rachel, m. Andrew Hewitt; Benjamin, m. Sabra Brown; Eunice, m. 1st, Thomas Meach, 2nd, Merrill Safford; Lois, m. 1st, Dennison Kinney, 2nd, Benjamin Town; Samuel, m. Nancy ———.
- Joseph was commissioned in 1776, Captain of the 2nd company, or train band, of the 8th Regiment of Conn. His sons David and Hezekiah, and nephew Elijah were in his company.
25. MARY, b. Mar. 20, 1724; m. Oct. 12, 1743, Henry Williams.
 26. UNIS, b. July 10, 1728; d. Feb. 1, 1813; m. Aug. 10, 1748, Capt. Stephen, son of John and Dorothy (Wildes) Perkins of Topsfield, and lived in Topsfield. Children: Dorothy, m. Nathaniel

- Averill; Mary, d. aged 26; Abigail, m. Nathaniel Hammond.
 27. LOIS, b. Oct. 14, 1730; m. John Cottrell.

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CAPT. JOHN BOARDMAN, born in Preston, Conn., Dec. 21, 1716, married Jan. 26, 1736, Elizabeth Cagwin, born Feb. 8, 1714-15, daughter of John and Hannah (Brown) Kegwin, of Stonington, Conn. Her ancestors belonged to a party of colonists who settled in Voluntown, Conn., and organized the first and for many years the only Presbyterian Church in the State. He lived in Preston until after the birth of the fourth child, which is recorded there in 1744, and then came to Topsfield to live with his Uncle Nathaniel, who gave him the homestead by will. The birth of the next child is recorded in Topsfield. In the Preston church records among the names of those who had "owned the covenant" were John Bordman and Elizabeth his wife. They became members of the church in Topsfield, Nov. 23, 1746. He held town offices as tything man, fence viewer, constable, warden, hogreeve, school committee, surveyor, overseer, committee of safety and selectman. He espoused the cause of freedom by becoming a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died Apr. 7, 1780, and is called "Capt. John Bordman, Gent.," in the records. His widow died Feb. 3, 1789.

Children of John and Elizabeth:

28. HANNAH, b. 1737, in Preston, Conn.; d. Dec. 30, 1814, in Topsfield; m. Feb. 23, 1761, Lieut. Daniel, son of Philip and Dinah (Hobbs) Towne. No children.
29. ABIGAIL, b. 1739, in Preston; d. July 8, 1786, in Topsfield; m. Jan. 4, 1763, Stephen, son of Stephen and Rebecca (Peabody) Foster of Topsfield. Children: Nathaniel, m. Salome Foster; Matilda, m. Samuel Bradstreet; Abigail, m. Thomas Cummings. Stephen Foster m. 2nd, Sarah Dorman, lived on the John Smith farm, in Topsfield on the road leading to Linebrook.
30. NATHANIEL, b. 1741, in Preston; "died in ye war, 1760."
31. LOIS, b. 1744, in Preston; d. Dec. 6, 1792; m. Apr. 26, 1763, Thomas, son of Thomas and Lydia (Richardson) Cummings. Lived on the "Reuben Smith farm", Topsfield. Children: Jonas, m. Hepzibah Knowlton; Joseph; Thomas, m. Abigail Foster; Nathaniel; Daniel; John Boardman, m. 1st, Rebecca Balch, of Topsfield, 2nd, Martha Knowlton, of Hamilton.
32. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 18, 1746, in Topsfield; m. Benjamin Johnson, of Ipswich. After the birth of their seventh child they

- went to Limerick, Me., and were among the first settlers of that town, Mary, the eighth child, being the first white child born in that place. He was town clerk in 1782, and deacon of the Congregational Church for many years. Children: Boardman, m. Keziah Foster; Daniel, m. Susannah Perkins; Benjamin, sea captain; Joseph, m. Betsey McKusick; Josiah, m. Esther Perkins; Hannah, m. Asa Perkins of Topsfield, and lived there; Elizabeth, m. Daniel Hazeltine; Mary, m. Joseph Gilpatrick; John, married, and lived in Burlington, Vt.
33. JOHN, b. Sept. 24, 1748; d. Jan. 28, 1771; m. Nov. 8, 1770, Bethiah Giddings, of Ipswich. She m. 2nd, Josiah Fitts of Ipswich, 3rd, June 3, 1777, John Gould, jr., of Topsfield.
34. MARY, b. Mar. 12, 1751; d. May 5, 1803; m. Dec. 6, 1781, Josiah, son of Thomas and Anna (Kettell) Cummings. Lived in Andover.
35. DANIEL, b. Dec. 26, 1752.
36. EUNICE, b. Feb. 1, 1755; d. July 12, 1768.

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CAPT. DANIEL BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield Dec. 26, 1752, married (pub.) Nov. 24, 1776, Lydia Bishop of Rowley. Daniel was attending school away from home when his only brother suddenly sickened and died leaving the father alone upon the farm. He obeyed the call of duty and came home to be a comfort and help to the bereaved parents. After the death of his father he came into possession of the homestead by buying out the rights of his five sisters and their husbands, according to the following contract;—"Oct. 2, 1782. We, Daniel Towne of Topsfield, gentleman, and Hannah his wife, and Stephen Foster of Topsfield, yeoman, and Abigail his wife, and Thomas Cummings, gentleman, of Topsfield, and Lois his wife, and Benjamin Johnson, joiner, of Limerick, Co. of York, Me., and Elizabeth his wife, and Josiah Cummings of Andover, yeoman, and Mary his wife, all of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for and in consideration of £20 given to us by our brother Daniel Boardman, yeoman, aforesaid, to our full satisfaction and content, all being children of, and heirs to, the estate that our honored father, Capt. John Boardman, late of Topsfield, deceased, died seized of, intestate; also in consideration that we have received two thirds part of our father's personal estate, &c. &c. give up all claim to our father's estate."

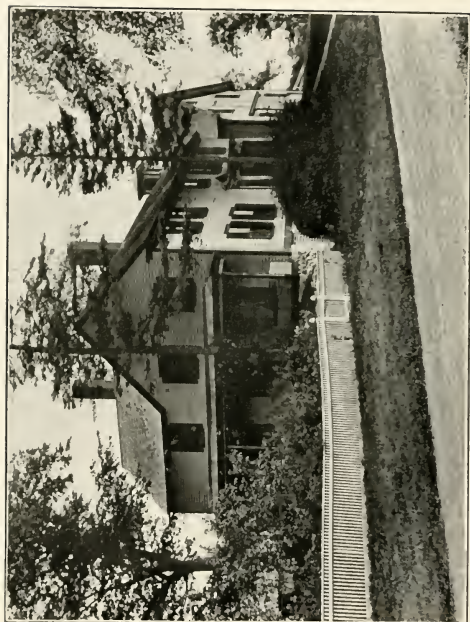
Daniel served the town as tythingman, warden, fish committee, hayward, surveyor, and school committee. He was

a captain of the militia in Topsfield, also a soldier in the Revolution. He died May 1, 1803, aged 50. The Salem Register, May 9, 1803, speaks thus of the funeral services:—"On Tuesday last was interred at Topsfield, Capt. Daniel Boardman, with every token of respect for his memory, and sympathy for his afflicted family. As it was on the day assigned to military parade and review, the militia company in the town, the command of which he had recently resigned, appeared under arms on the occasion, commanded by Capt. Bradstreet, and went through those movements and positions usual on such occasions, attended with solemn music.—The order and decorum of the military made a favorable impression on a numerous assemblage of people. The solemnity observable on the occasion was expressive of the public estimation of an honest man, a good neighbor, and a worthy citizen." Mr. David Kimball of Portsmouth, N. H., one of Topsfield's worthy sons, once spoke of being a witness to the scene. He said he was a very small lad and rode on the horse with his father. The sight of the Company drawn up in military array in front of the house and the solemnity of the service, so impressed him that it became indelibly stamped upon his memory.

His widow, Lydia, after having buried in Topsfield her second husband, John Batchelder, went to spend the remaining years of her life with her daughter Betsey Marden, in Pittsfield, N. H., and passing away Oct. 12, 1841, at the age of 88, was laid in her last resting-place among the New Hampshire hills.

Children of Daniel and Lydia:

37. EUNICE, b. Jan. 8, 1778; d. May 2, 1852; m. 1st, Nov. 30, 1797, Jonathan Porter of Danvers; 2nd, Oct. 16, 1810, Jeremiah Putnam of Danvers. Their only child, Joseph Porter Putnam, when not quite five years old, was crossing the bridge at Danversport, where he lived, and a drove of sheep came along. Becoming frightened, he climbed the railing and, leaning over too far, fell into the water and was drowned.
38. JOHN, b. Oct. 10, 1779.
39. BISHOP, b. Sept. 26, 1781; d. Oct. 20, 1853, in Danvers, unm. He spent the last of his days with his brother Nathaniel.
40. DANIEL, b. Nov. 11, 1783.
41. BETSEY, b. Jan. 8, 1785; d. Aug. 10, 1875, at Pittsfield, N. H.; m. Mar. 4, 1824, David Marden. One child, Julia Marden, d. aged 24 years.



THE BOARDMAN-TOWNE HOUSE, IPSWICH STREET.



BANBURY CROSS OF THE PRESENT DAY.

- 42. LYDIA, b. 1787; d. Sept. 9, 1796, "8 yrs. old."
- 43. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 29, 1790.
- 44. SALLY, b. Dec. 3, 1793; d. Aug. 28, 1872; m. Mar. 12, 1812, Benjamin, b. Dec. 22, 1793; d. Mar. 29, 1879, son of Jacob and Rachel (Cain) Towne; lived in Topsfield. Children: Benjamin Boardman, m. Esther Peabody; Alfred Porter, m. Harriet Newell Peabody; Jacob Aden, m. Sarah Peabody; Eunice Elizabeth, m. Benjamin Glazier; Elisha Huntington, m. Ann Sillars; Jeremiah Stone, died young; Sally Ann, m. Charles Procter; Caroline Haskell.

38

JOHN BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, Oct. 10, 1779, married, Mar. 18, 1802, Rebecca, born Jan. 7, 1782, daughter of John and Bethiah (Giddings) Gould. They lived in Topsfield. He died June 17, 1856, and his widow died May 12, 1861.

Children of John and Rebecca:

- 45. JOHN, b. 1802.
- 46. LYDIA, b. Jan. 10, 1804; m. 1st, Thomas Lord (Child: Charles Lord, m. Lizzie Trask), 2nd, Capt. William Weirs. Lived in Salem.
- 47. EUNICE, b. Apr. 9, 1806; d. July 7, 1872; m. July 17, 1827, Benjamin Franklin Rogers of Salem. Lived in Salem. Children: Eunice Rebecca, m. Capt. Charles C. Osgood; Joseph Porter, m. Mary Wilson; Nancy Augusta, m. Robert Barr; Lydia Lord, m. John Boyd; Benjamin Franklin, m. Fannie Sleeper.
- 48. SALLY, b. Oct. 24, 1808; d. July 11, 1882; m. (pub.) July 29, 1832, Cyrus, son of Aaron and Lucy (Hobbs) Kneeland. Lived in Topsfield and Georgetown. Children: Cyrus Alonzo, m. Eliza Welch; Melissa, m. John Scates; Edgar, m. Rosetta Sullivan; Lydia, m. William Spofford; Charles, m. Lizzie Hunkins; Mary, m. Ansel Sleeper; Asa Pingree, d. in car coming home on furlough during Civil War; Frank; James; Rebecca.
- 49. DANIEL, b. Apr. 11, 1811.

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DANIEL BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, Nov. 11, 1783, married Mar. 15, 1804, Elizabeth, born Mar. 17, 1785, daughter of Zaccheus and Anna (Brown) Gould. They lived in Topsfield. He died at sea, and she married, second, Artemus Perley of Boxford.

Children of Daniel and Elizabeth:

- 50. ELIZABETH, b. 1804; m. Aug. 4, 1822, Samuel Janes. Lived in

Topsfield. She d. May 6, 1875. Children: Eunice Gould, m. James Connelly; John Collins, m. 1st, Sophia —, 2nd, Sarah —; Samuel Augustus, m. Eliza Brown; Daniel Boardman, m. 1st, Orissa Andrews, 2nd, Cynthia Wildes; Elizabeth, m. John Ingalls; Joseph Porter, m. Margaret P. Hobson; Mary Ann, m. Nahum Getchell; Emily Augusta, m. James Wilson; Susan Maria, m. Robert Getchell; Wm. Henry, unm.; Harriet Ellen, m. Herbert Niles; Theodora, m. Benjamin Hall; Julia Preston, m. George Gerry.

51. ANNA BROWN, b. Aug. 30, 1806; m. Dec., 1824, Samuel Goodale of Lunenburg, Vt. She d. Nov. 12, 1871 and he d. Jan. 3, 1872. Children: Elizabeth Anne, m. Aaron Pillsbury of Georgetown; Arabella Johnson, m. Silas Page Lake; Lisa Mary, m. William B. Pillsbury of Georgetown; Juliana Aurelia, m. Allen Gould; Susan Maria, m. Cleveland Gould (At a family gathering a few years ago, five generations were represented, including the mother of Mr. Gould, 95 yrs. old, and his great-granddaughter, Dorothy B. Chase, an infant.); Elmira Minerva, m. Albert Walbridge of Worcester; Nancy Jane, m. George Savary of Groveland; Huldah Perley, m. Moses H. Harriman of Groveland; Samuel Densmore, m. Mary Frances Wiggin of Reading; Charles Alden, m. Abigail Jelleson of Rowley; Arthur Ward, lost at sea, Sept., 1867.

52. DANIEL, b. Dec. 12, 1808.

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NATHANIEL BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, Sept. 29, 1790, married, first, May 16, 1816, Nancy, born Oct. 30, 1795, daughter of Israel and Anna (Endicott) Putnam. She died Mar. 19, 1823, and he married, second, Nov. 25, 1824, Anna, born Oct. 27, 1792, daughter of David and Elenor (Haskell) Putnam. He was a shoe manufacturer and lived in Danvers. He was for many years one of the Trustees of the Danvers Savings Bank. He died in Danvers, Oct. 27, 1876, and his wife died June 27, 1872.

Children of Nathaniel and Nancy:

53. ISRAEL PUTNAM, b. Apr. 16, 1817.

Children of Nathaniel and Anna:

54. NANCY ELLEN, b. Nov. 28, 1825, in Danvers; m. Apr. 12, 1855, Edward Augustus Lord of Ipswich. They lived in Danvers and Evanston, Ill., where she died Mar. 11, 1891. Children: Anna Putnam, m. Frank Edwin Miller of Evanston; Frank Elmer; Alonzo Boardman; Percy Augustus; Mary Wade.

55. CAROLINE HASKELL, b. Mar. 28, 1829; d. Feb. 7, 1833.

- 56. NATHANIEL HOLTEN, b. Mar. 28, 1829.
- 57. ALONZO BISHOP, b. June 26, 1831; d. Feb. 9, 1848.
- 58. HORACE WEBSTER, b. June 3, 1834.

45

JOHN BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, 1802, married Nov. 22, 1838, Louisa Searle, born May 19, 1808, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Searle) McKenzie. They lived in Topsfield. He died Feb. 24, 1884, and his widow died Mar. 10, 1887.

Children of John and Louisa Searle:

- 59. THOMAS GREENLEAF, b. Feb. 12, 1839. Went west to live.
- 60. ADELAIDE LOUISA, b. Sept. 9, 1841; m. Aug. 22, 1868, Benjamin Colby, son of Benjamin C. and Elizabeth (Goodell) Dodd.
- 61. EUNICE PUTNAM, b. Jan. 4, 1844; d. Apr. 6, 1853.
- 62. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 30, 1846; m. July 2, 1868, Francis Creelman Frame of Boxford. Live in Topsfield. Children: Della May, m. Fred Deering; Bessie Louise, m. John Leonard Fiske; Ralph Greenleaf, m. Rose M. Libby; Grace Adelaide; Roy Francis; Elsie Belle; Bernice Damon.
- 63. ALFRED, b. June 24, 1848; d. Apr. 28, 1851.

49

DANIEL BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, Apr. 11, 1811, married Sarah Bruce of Salem. They lived in Salem and Boston.

Children of Daniel and Sarah:

- 64. AUGUSTA, m. Joseph de Freys.
- 65. SARAH, m. Charles Eames. Child: Nellie Augusta.
- 66. GEORGE, b. in Salem; m. Lucy Turner. Children: Augusta, Daniel.
- 67. CHARLES.

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DANIEL BOARDMAN, born in Topsfield, Dec. 12, 1808, married Apr. 29, 1830, Mehitable Balch, born Nov. 19, 1813, daughter of Moses and Phebe (Brocklebank) Nelson of Georgetown. He was a musician of some note and during the Civil War was a member of the band attached to the 17th Regt. Massachusetts Volunteers. He died in Georgetown, June 18, 1891.

Children of Daniel and Mehitable Balch:

68. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 25, 1830, in Georgetown; m. May 20, 1848, Hiram A. Bagley. Children: Emma Frances; Charles; William; Frank; Cora Picolomini; Annie Florence; Herbert Prescott.
69. CHARLES GREENLEAF, b. Mar. 17, 1833.
70. MEHITABLE NELSON, b. Dec. 9, 1834, in South Danvers; m. Dec. 15, 1853, Proctor S. Dwinnell. Children: Frank Story; P. Everett; George Nelson.
71. OLIVE MARIA, b. Mar. 18, 1837, in Marblehead; m. June 18, 1855, George E. Batchelder of Topsfield. Children: Grace Ellen, d. 1884; George Wellington.
72. PHEBE AUGUSTA, b. Oct. 9, 1839, in Georgetown; m. Apr. 3, 1865, Charles H. Dow. Child: Helen Elizabeth.
73. ABBIE HULDAH, b. Feb. 3, 1842, in Georgetown; m. May 1, 1863, Alphonso Munday of Topsfield, who d. Mar. 30, 1880. Child: Thomas Fred.
74. SARAH CHARLOTTE, b. June 10, 1844, in Georgetown; m. Dec. 8, 1869, Henry Browning, who d. Aug. 10, 1873.
75. MOSES NELSON, b. Oct. 3, 1846.
76. ELLA SOPHRONIA, b. May 30, 1851, in Boxford; d. Jan. 19, 1865.

53

ISRAEL PUTNAM BOARDMAN, born in Danvers, Apr. 16, 1817, married July 11, 1842, Caroline Elizabeth, born Mar. 15, 1823, daughter of Moses and Mehitabel (Upton) Gould. He was a shoe manufacturer and lived in Danvers, where he died Feb. 17, 1891.

Children of Israel Putnam and Caroline Elizabeth:

77. MARY ALICE, b. June 10, 1844; m. Oct. 17, 1865, George Faxon of Quincy. Children: Caroline B.; Grace B.; Endicott.
78. LEWIS AUGUSTUS, b. June 21, 1846.
79. MINERVA INEZ, b. Mar. 22, 1850; m. Dr. Samuel N. French.

56

NATHANIEL HOLTEN BOARDMAN, born in Danvers, Mar. 28, 1829, married Dec. 16, 1857, Harriet Maria, born Jan. 16, 1833, daughter of Simeon and Harriet (Whittier) Putnam. They lived in Danvers, where she died Sept. 19, 1882.

Children of Nathaniel Holten and Harriet Maria:

80. ELIZABETH GARDINER, b. Dec. 1, 1861; m. June 1, 1893, Charles W., son of William O. and Martha (Caldwell) Hood. Live in Danversport.
81. RALPH HOLTEN, b. June 30, 1867.

58

HORACE WEBSTER BOARDMAN, born in Danvers, June 3, 1834, married Nov. 25, 1876, Lucy, born Sept. 2, 1848, daughter of Noah B. and Mary F. (Lane) Church of Newburyport. They live in Danvers.

Child of Horace Webster and Lucy :

82. LESLIE PUTNAM, b. Apr. 29, 1880; m. Apr. 23, 1902, Myra, b. Aug. 10, 1883, daughter of John and Margaret Haines. Live in Danvers.

69

CHARLES GREENLEAF BOARDMAN, born in Georgetown, Mar. 17, 1833, married May 28, 1867, Louise Frances Nichols. They lived in Roxbury. She died Jan. 3, 1876.

Children of Charles Greenleaf and Louise Frances :

83. MABEL LOUISE, b. July 18, 1869; d. Apr. 30, 1875.
84. CHARLES SETH, b. Nov. 29, 1873.

75

MOSES NELSON BOARDMAN, born Oct. 3, 1846, in Georgetown, married Sept. 28, 1867, Martha, born Nov. 12, 1848, daughter of Thomas K. and Louisa (Morgan) Leach of Topsfield. They live in Georgetown where he is engaged in the grocery business.

Children of Moses Nelson and Martha :

85. WILLIE NELSON, b. May 6, 1870; d. July 13, 1870.
86. HARRY WOODBURY, b. May 6, 1874.
87. SETH HOWARD, b. Aug. 3, 1882.

81

RALPH HOLTEN BOARDMAN, born in Danvers, June 30, 1867, married Sept. 30, 1886, Helen Frances Crocker, born June 29, 1869. They live in Danvers.

Children of Ralph Holten and Helen Frances.

88. CLEON WHITTIER, b. June 12, 1887; d. Sept. 12, 1889.
89. GLADYS PUTNAM, b. May 6, 1889.
90. HOLTEN GARDINER, b. Jan. 12, 1891.
91. NELSON, b. Apr. 20, 1896.
92. RODNEY, b. Feb. 21, 1898.

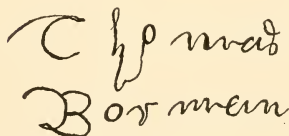
HARRY WOODBURY BOARDMAN, born in Georgetown, May 6, 1874, married June 10, 1895, Blanche, born Jan. 24, 1875, in Brookfield, daughter of William and Annie (Hilton) Allen. Live at Worcester.

Child of Harry Woodbury and Blanche :

93. NELLIE B., b. Apr. 2, 1897.

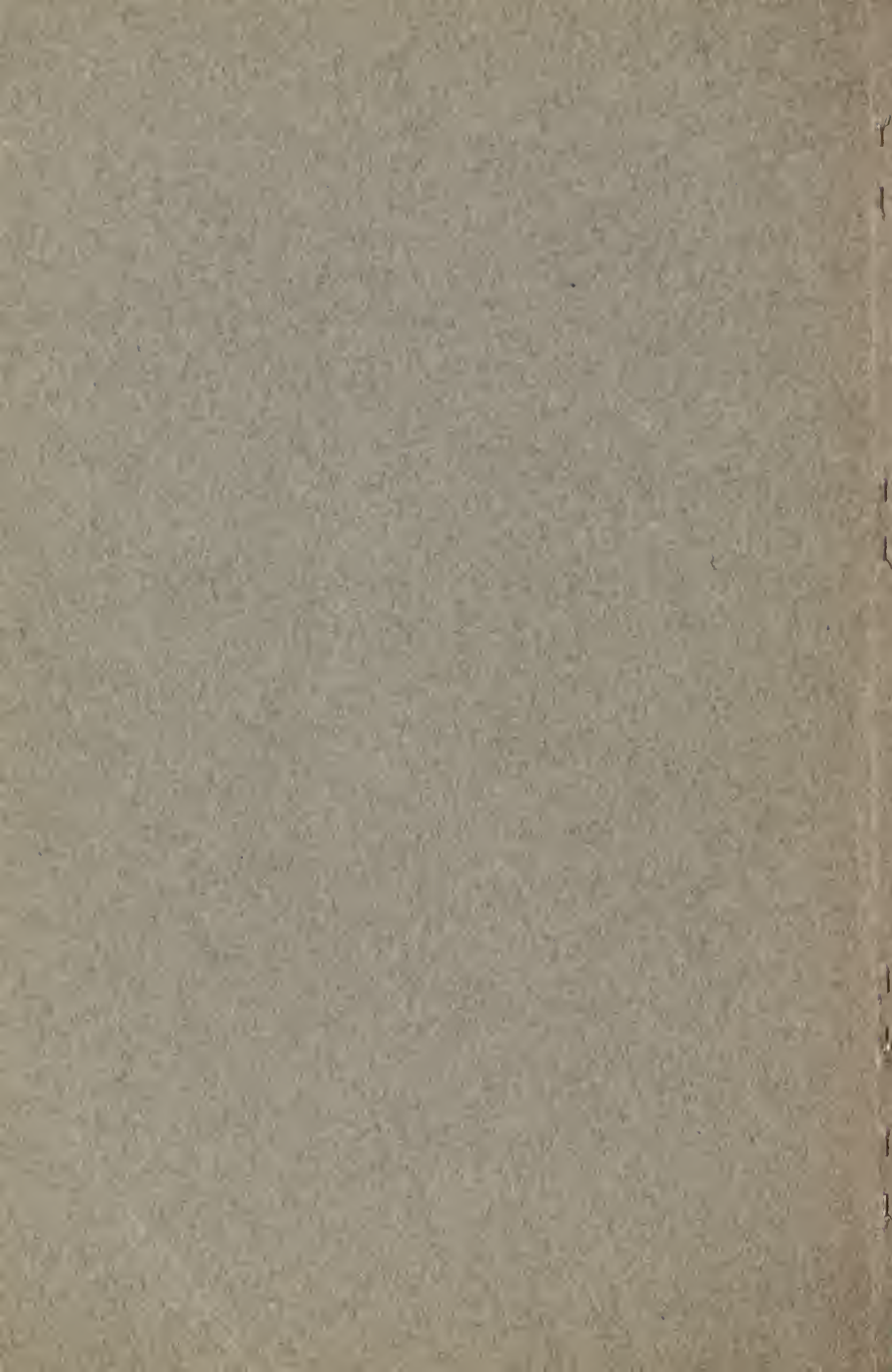
In 1807, the heirs of Capt. Daniel Boardman sold a part of the farm and one-half the house to John P. Peabody, who was a descendant of Joseph Boardman, through his daughter Abigail Cummings. In 1835, they sold the remaining part of the farm and the other half of the house to Benjamin Boardman Towne, a grandson of Capt. Daniel Boardman. In 1843, B. B. Towne bought out John P. Peabody, thus owning the whole Boardman farm, and the homestead remains in the possession of his heirs at the present time. Thus it is plainly seen that the Borman homestead has been occupied by Daniel Borman and his descendants to the eighth generation, including the children of one of the present heirs. Daniel Borman, the first settler, has not a representative in Topsfield today bearing his name. Through the daughters, however, he is represented by a great many of its citizens, bearing the names of Averill, Balch, Cummings, Gould, Peterson, Perkins, Todd, and Towne. The house, which was built on its present site in 1697 for Daniel and Hannah Hutchinson Borman was considered unusually large for those times. In 1843, when it came into the possession of Benj. B. Towne, few changes, probably, had been made, and, as may be imagined, it was in rather a dilapidated condition, but the old oaken frame remained firm and strong. The large old chimney was taken down that year, and the house remodeled, and with the various changes since made, there is little today to remind one of its extreme age, except the old-fashioned beams, now encased, to be seen in some of the rooms, and the brick and mortar packing between the inner and outer walls.

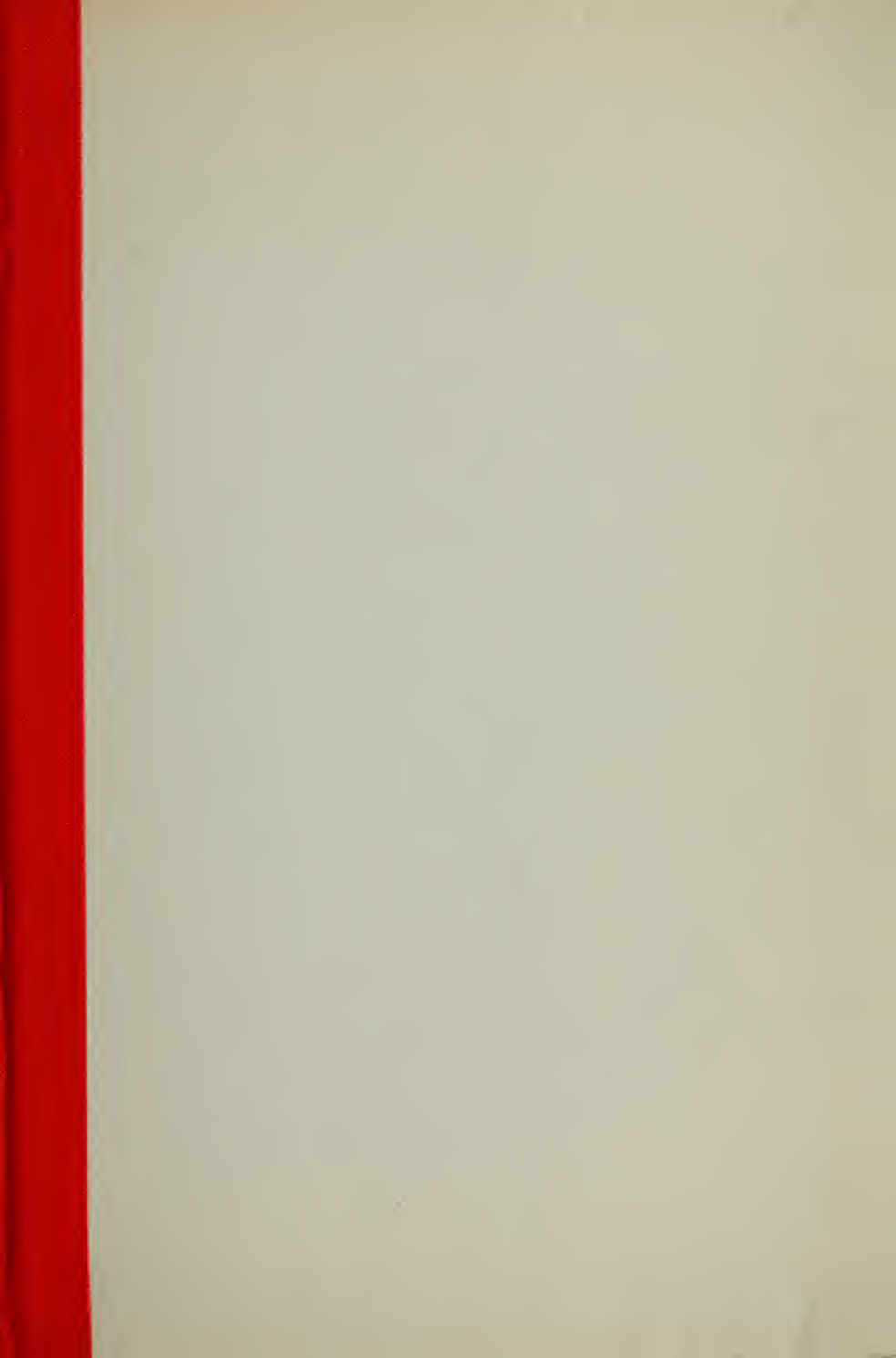
The worn attic stairs, and under the eaves the broken loom and leaning wheel, the motionless swifts and silent reel, tell their own story of past labor and long rest.

A facsimile of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The first line reads "Thomas" and the second line reads "Borman". The letters are fluidly connected, with a large 'T' and 'B'.

Facsimile of the signature of Thomas Borman, 1601-1673.

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